

PRESS RELEASE

South East Open Studios
3rd-19th June 2011

Open studio events have been mushrooming at home and abroad in recent years. Amongst the oldest and largest is SEOS (South East Open Studios), which encompasses the whole of Kent and the East Sussex borders.

Each year, for two weeks in June, member artists invite visitors to come in and watch them work, buy art and generally talk about the curious and sometimes mysterious processes of making art. This year SEOS takes place from 3rd-19th June.

SEOS began back in 1996 when 46 artists working in Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks were brought together for the 1997 West Kent Open Studios. Following the success of this first event, neighbouring areas also joined and it was renamed South East Open Studios. Entries have continued to rise year on year and there are now over 300 participating artists.

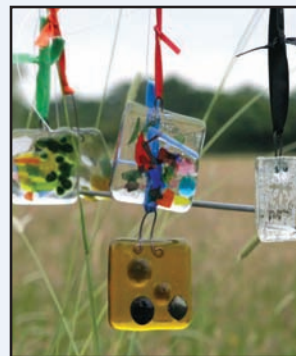
As well as painters and print-makers SEOS now also encompasses a variety of artists working in other disciplines such as jewellery, ceramics, textiles, photography, sculpture and stained glass. Many participate regularly and new artists join each year, but there are still members today from the original 46 pioneers who first opened their doors back in 1997.

All current participating artists can be found on the SEOS website, www.seos-art.org, and in the free printed guide available at libraries, tourist information centres and galleries. There is also a Friend Scheme for those who wish to become a part of their local arts community and receive information about SEOS activities throughout the year.

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Lee O'Connor painting in her studio



Glasswork by Pia Carti



Demonstration by
Dominique Morgan



Workshop with ceramicist Katie Brinsley

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